

BOARD POSTPONES ACTION ON BONUS

WITH no settlement of the controversy regarding the disposition of funds made available for city schools by state appropriation indicated by a discussion which developed at the meeting of the board of education Tuesday night at the El Paso school board building, the board postponed action on a request presented by representatives from the teachers' association that \$12,193 be distributed among them.

Presentation of the request brought a controversy which has been pending since the legislature appropriated \$12,193 for school purposes. It was then that the board had been expected to come from that session to a head. The controversy regarding the use of the surplus was what had been estimated, teachers are claiming that a specified sum, amounting to \$12,193, was designated for increasing salaries of teachers.

Two support teachers, Mrs. E. Ward and Mrs. J. H. McQuay, board members, vigorously supported the claims of the teachers, which was opposed by Mr. Ward, assistant superintendent.

"This money," Mr. Ward asserted, "belongs to the teachers. I do not believe it is within the province of the board to divert it to any other purpose."

"Apparently you are most interested in teachers receiving more money than is looking after the welfare of our children and the interests of our taxpayers," Mr. Ward charged, addressing Mr. Ward.

"It is my purpose to see that no injustice is done, and that is my intention," Mr. Ward retorted.

Headed by Miss Vera Pool, president of the teachers' association, a committee presented the request in the form of a letter to the board Tuesday night. The letter asserted that \$12,193 was designated specifically for increasing salaries and asked that the board take action to give teachers such additional money, divided in monthly allotments, the first payment to be included in checks for the current month.

Miss Pool asserted that most of the teachers signed contracts at the beginning of the year understanding that should a state appropriation be made, in pursuance of it would be used to increase salaries. This belief had followed a conference with the school board, she said, during which teachers understood that they were insured such an increase.

Deputy Acting Director. While various members of the board asserted that the subject was discussed with the teachers, they denied that any pledge or promise had been made.

Board members were unanimous in asserting that no agreement had been reached with the teachers, and that the board was not authorized to make any such appropriation.

"We voted substantial salary increases to teachers before the state appropriation was made," Crawford asserted. "Teachers now are asking a second increase."

"The teachers were too small considering the low standard of wages in this city," he said.

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School Children Want All Fiddles They Can Dig Up

The people of El Paso are urged to look into their garrets, cellars, cedar chests and closets to see if they have a fiddle somewhere. For the schools are going to need them. It should be mentioned, though, that Miss Nell Guion, supervisor of music in the schools, does not like the name fiddle. It is not dignified, she said.

A violin class is to be organized in each of the 12 grade schools of the city. A class of 25 or 30 lessons is to be made to each pupil. But there aren't enough violins. So the public is asked to give, rent or sell to the schools at as low a price as possible, any violins they may have that they don't particularly want.

The violins will be paid for by the pupils. People who have violins may telephone Miss Guion at the El Paso school board, she said, during which teachers understood that they were insured such an increase.

The music students are making good progress in the appreciation classes. Miss Guion said. These classes listen each day to phonograph records and soon become able to tell the name of the number and who the artist is.

present at the beginning of the year, answered one of the committee.

Clayton Argue Delay. Walter S. Clayton, president of the board, urged postponement of action on the request until trustees have been given time to confer with the city council, and ascertain the attitude of city officials. The matter will again be brought before the board at a meeting to be held not later than the regular date in November.

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Wrist Watch Fad Is Popular In China

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 26.—Wrist watches suddenly have achieved wide popularity in China, according to a recent report of United States consul general, J. H. Hughes.

Salesmen in Shanghai make the wrist the only anatomical spot on which a Chinaman can carry a watch successfully.

American manufacturers have built up an extensive trade with China in watches. The clock that hangs on a wall and speaks the time has been sold readily. But when the manufacturers attempted to introduce the pocket watch they ran into an international obstacle.

Chinese, whose voluminous folds make a pocket an apocryphal mystery. A Chinaman had not the time to learn the time when the process involved fishing a watch from the cryptic depths of his flowing garments. This difficulty provoked the foreign trade in watches beyond hope until the wrist watch came into the world.

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HOLT'S PLEA WINS VERDICT OF ACQUITTAL

The plea that he was given the genuine article instead of a substitute which he bought, won freedom for Walter R. Holt in federal district court Tuesday afternoon when the jury trying him on a charge of importing a small quantity of smoking opium and a small vial of liquid opium returned a verdict of not guilty.

The man's contention, prohibition officers testified, apparently was a reversal of the usual for its use. Frequent occasions that the person asking to purchase opium is given a substitute.

Good for Holt on three other drug charges was reduced from \$3000 to \$1000 by order of Judge Duval West, before whom the case was tried.

Holt's plea in answer to the charge was that his wife, a tubercular sufferer, had found in smoking opium a temporary alleviation for her cough, and had become addicted to its use.

In June of this year, he asserted, he went to a Chinese in Juarez and asked for something that looked like opium, but was not. He explained that he hoped to make his wife better, she had the drug until, without realizing it, she had conquered the habit. He said that his order apparently was filled.

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